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ACTION: Amembassy TRIPOLI

INFO: Amembassy BAIDA
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REF: TRIPOLI 2130, repeat TUNIS

Following is status to date of responses to assistance requested by Min al-Barouni:

Industry ~~al-Barouni:~~

1. IESC: IESC informs us Rapmund expected arrive Tunis ~~today~~ December 31. IESC notifying him telegraphically that while in Tunis he should establish with Amembassy Tripoli date for Libyan visit. IESC also states services three experts whose assignment aborted by June hostilities are still available. (For Tunis: Embassy is asked to transmit this information to Rapmund if possible, as well as relevant info Tripoli's 2130 which being repeated.)

2. Films and Industrial publications: (a) Afro-American Purchasing Corporation eager to assist Libyans in above purchases, and are sending Department catalogue of available industrial training films in English. Catalogue will be airpouched to post upon receipt. AAPC will make every effort meet GOL need to have films on hand for Tripoli International Fair opening February 28, and suggests that upon making

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selection GOL directly arrange for purchases with AAPC, 30 Church Street, N.Y. 10007, Attention: Mr. George Mavrik. (b) Berry, President AAPC plans visit to Africa late February and says may adjust trip so as to include Libyan stop. He will be in direct contact with Embassy this subject. (c) IITRI Contract: Being reviewed by AID/Washington and status of PIO/T will be subject separate message. (d) With regard industrial publications, AAPC also eager proffer assistance but states field vast and they would require information as to specific areas Libyan interest even to make proper selection catalogues available.

3. Short-term training courses: Immediate question that arises of course is extent to which Libya would have qualified candidates who could benefit from on-job training in US. In general it would seem much less costly and more practical to provide short-term skill-improvement courses in Libya itself, along pattern already successfully applied by Africa-Middle East Training Services. Overton, President ATM, with whom we have discussed this question, plans arrive Libya January 8 to follow up recent proposals made by his organization in letter to GOL. He will call on Embassy January 9 and we suggest this whole subject be thoroughly explored with him. Overton himself is skeptical about value sending trainees to US except for very small number of highly qualified, carefully chosen individuals selected as part of training effort within Libya.

4. US Labor Department does have considerable experience in arranging for short-term skill-improvement courses in this country to trainees who spend approximately six months to a year in practical on-job training. During this time trainee would receive intimate supervision of Labor Department field staff representative, and

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would be moved from project to project as necessary to provide continuity and breadth of experience. Labor Department preparing review of projects upon which foreign trainees have worked in past (info when ready will be pouched to you). Labor stresses on basis past experience with non-English speakers that benefit of programs to trainees depends very largely on their ability understand and communicate with American technicians. Labor indicates cost such training to GOL would be in vicinity ~~XXX~~ $225 per month exclusive of travel and per diem.

5. We suggest however you defer passing on information foregoing paragraph to al-Barouni until you have had chance to talk with Overton.

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